



ROY THOMAS, RICH BUCKLER, & RICHARD HOWELL

EARTH-TWO'S
GREATEST HEROES
VS. THE POWER OF
SHAZAM!

ALL-STAR SQUADRON

36
75¢
CAN 95¢
U.K. 30p
AUG. 84
APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE
AUTHORITY



THE NEW



THERE'S NO
STOPPING
US NOW.

BUCKLER
&
ORDWAY

SUPER POWERS™ COLLECTION

NEW!

Get in on the action with **POWER ACTION!**
And decide the battle of good vs. evil!



Each sold separately.

TM & © DC Comics Inc., 1984. All Rights Reserved.

They're the most awesome heroes fighting the most despicable villains in a universal struggle for power. And they're yours in this incredible collection of twelve action figures. Just squeeze 'em. Each has its own power action. Superman punches. Brainiac kicks. The Flash runs. Get them together and you trigger the endless battle of the Super Powers Collection. Who wins? Who loses? You decide!



Hawkman™

Figures range in size from 3.9" to 5.2"



The Joker®



Wonder Woman®



Batman®



Aquaman®



The Penguin®



Superman™



Lex Luthor™



The Flash™



Brainiac™



Green Lantern™



Robin™

Kenner

© Kenner is a trademark of CPG Products Corp., by its Div. Kenner Products, Cincinnati, OH 45203

1942—a world at war! And against the forces of Axis darkness, the mightiest heroes of Earth-Two have banded together, under direct orders of the President, as the

THUNDER OVER LONDON!

ALL-STAR SQUADRON

ROY THOMAS
WRITER / EDITOR

RICH BUCKLER
GUEST PENCILLER

RICHARD HOWELL
GUEST INKER

CARL GAFFORD
COLORIST
CODY
LETTERER

MERCIFUL MINERVA!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THE
BOYS SO GRIM--SO
SILENTLY INTENSE--
AS AT THIS MOMENT!

BUT WHAT ELSE
SHOULD I HAVE
EXPECTED--

"London can take it!"
--British wartime
slogan.

ALL-STAR SQUADRON 36 Published monthly by DC Comics Inc., 866 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10103. Application to mail at second class postage rates is pending at New York, NY and at additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to DC Comics Inc., Subscription Dept., PO Box 1308-F, Fort Lee, NJ 07024. Annual subscription rate \$9.00. Outside USA \$10.00. Copyright © 1984 DC Comics Inc. All Rights Reserved. The stories, characters and incidents mentioned in this magazine are entirely fictional. Printed in USA. Advertising Representative: Sanford Schwarz & Co., 355 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017. (212) 391-1400.

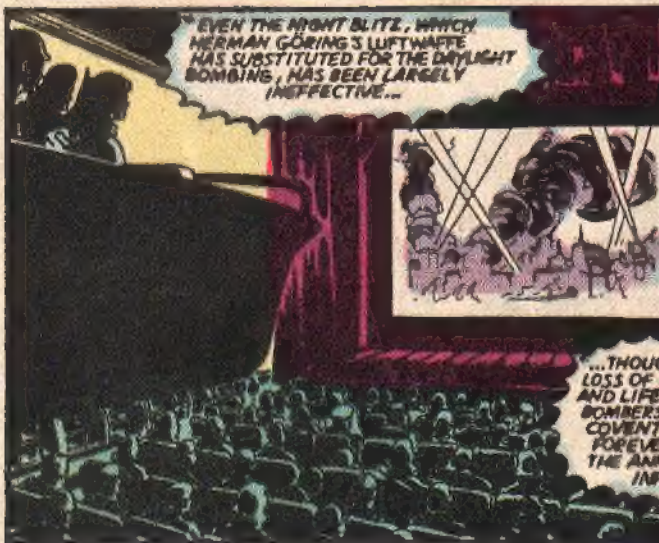
DC Comics Inc. A Warner Communications Company



--WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING AT A NEWSREEL LIKE THAT??

"THE WAR HAS BEEN GOING POORLY FOR GREAT BRITAIN IN RECENT WEEKS, WITH THE LOSS OF SINGAPORE AND OTHER BRITISH TERRITORIES...

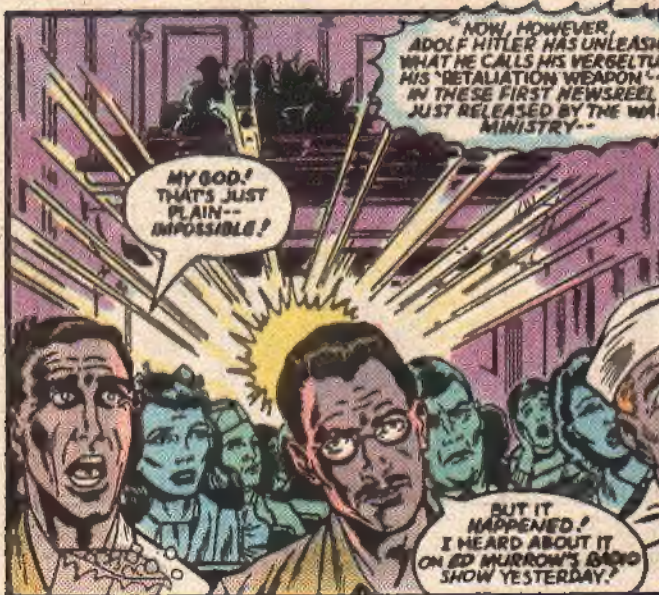
"BUT AT LEAST SUCH SCENES AS THIS--THE DAYLIGHT BOMBING OF LONDON AND OTHER CITIES--HAVE BEEN RARE SINCE THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN IN 1940.



"EVEN THE NIGHT BLITZ, WHICH HERMAN GÖRING'S LUFTWAFFE HAS SUBSTITUTED FOR THE DAYLIGHT BOMBING, HAS BEEN LARGELY INEFFECTIVE...



...THOUGH THE LOSS OF BOTH PROPERTY AND LIFE FROM GERMAN BOMBERS HAS MADE COVENTRY A NAME FOREVER ETCHED IN THE ANNALS OF NAZI INFAMY.



MY GOD!
THAT'S JUST
PLAIN--
IMPOSSIBLE!

"NOW, HOWEVER, ADOLF HITLER HAS UNLEASHED WHAT HE CALLS HIS VERGELTUNGSSWAFFE--HIS 'RETRIBUTION WEAPON'--AS SEEN IN THESE FIRST NEWSREEL FILMS JUST RELEASED BY THE WAR MINISTRY--

BUT IT HAPPENED!
I HEARD ABOUT IT
ON ED MURROW'S RADIO
SHOW YESTERDAY.



--IN WHICH A SEEMINGLY INVULNERABLE FLYING MAN ATTACKED FIGHTERS OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE!



"HERE IN SOME OF THE MOST AMAZING FOOTAGE RELEASED SINCE WAR WAS DECLARED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1939, IS A SHOT OF WHAT BRITONS ARE CALLING THE 'SUPER-NAZI'--"

"--STREAKING DIRECTLY TOWARD AN ENGLISH FIGHTER PILOT WHO HAD A COLOR NEWS-CAMERA ATTACHED TO HIS PLANE--"



"--AND PUMMELING THE METAL AIRCRAFT TO ATOMS IN AN INSTANT!"



"THE HUMAN VERGELTUNGSWAFFE WENT ON TO DEMOLISH SEVERAL NIGHT-FIGHTERS IN THE COURSE OF ONLY A FEW MINUTES OVER LONDON..."

"...THUS FREEING THE HUNS' BOMBERS TO RAIN DOWN THEIR DEVASTATION UPON A NEARLY DEFENSELESS CITY."

AND HERE IS AN EVEN MORE ASTONISHING SHOT--WHICH SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT THE 'SUPER-NAZI' CAN'T BE HARMED EVEN BY GUNFIRE.

AS NEARLY AS ANYONE CAN TELL, THE BULLETS SIMPLY BOUNCED OFF HIS CHEST--WITHOUT APPARENT EFFECT.

"THIS HAS LED VARIOUS WEAPONS EXPERTS TO SPECULATE THAT PERHAPS THIS ISN'T A HUMAN BEING AT ALL-- BUT SOME SPECIES OF FLYING ROBOT MADE OF METAL--"

"--THOUGH THAT, IF TRUE, WOULD HAVE EQUALLY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EMBATTLED ALLIES."

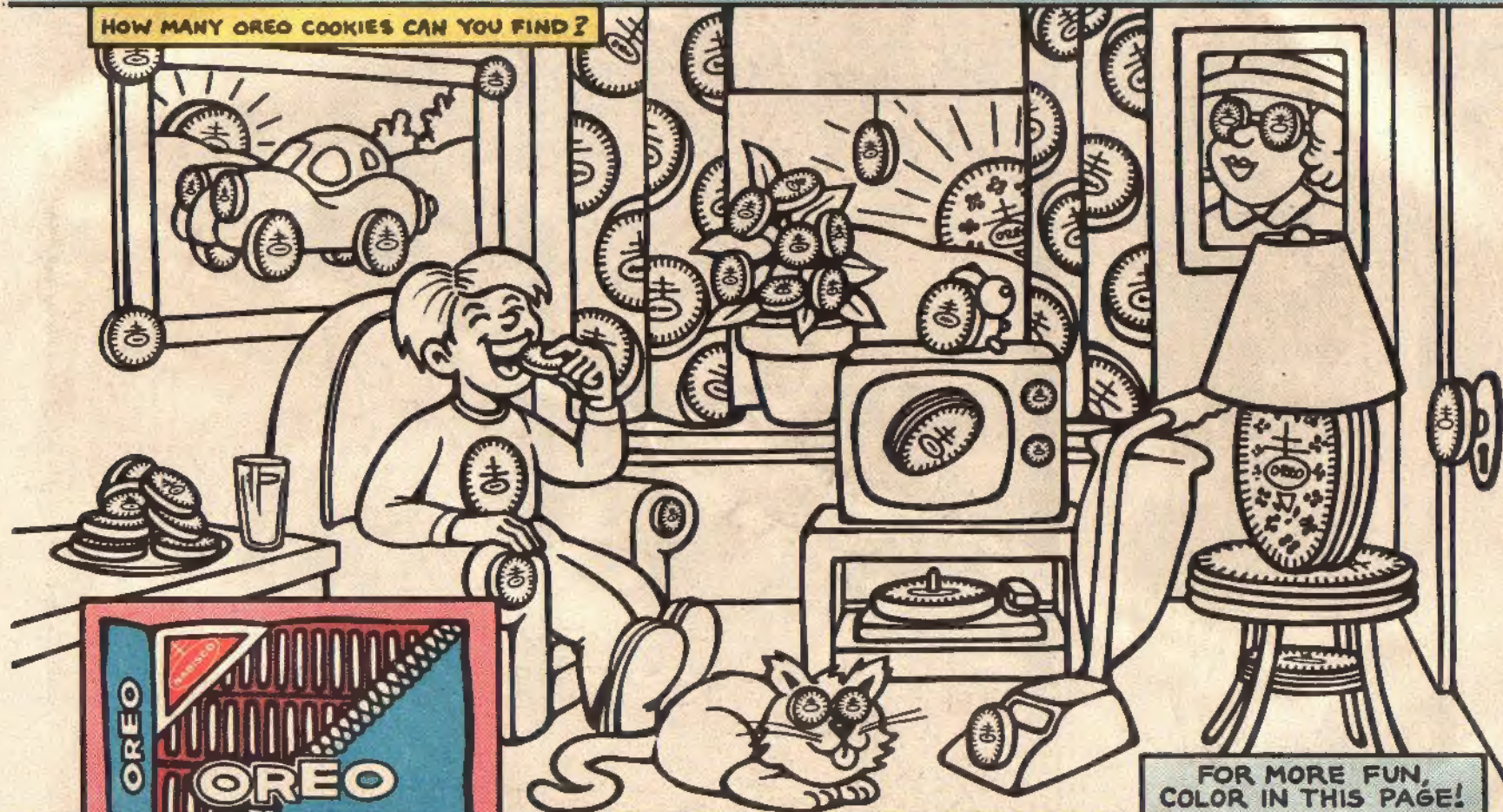
"STILL, IT'S DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE HOW ANY MACHINE WOULD HAVE BOTH THE STRENGTH AND MANEUVERABILITY TO ACTUALLY GRAB A FIGHTER PLANE OUT OF THE VERY SKY--"

"--AND HURL IT TO A FIERY DOOM?"

"FORTUNATELY, IN ALL CASES, THE PILOTS MANAGED TO PARACHUTE TO SAFETY--"

IMAGINE! OREO® COOKIES EVERYWHERE!!

HOW MANY OREO COOKIES CAN YOU FIND?



FOR MORE FUN,
COLOR IN THIS PAGE!

ASK MOM TO BUY OREO® COOKIES!

ANSWER: 62 OREOS
PLUS 25 IN PACKAGE

--AND, FOR REASONS UNKNOWN, THE 'SUPER-NAZI' DID NOT ATTACK THEM AS THEY SLOWLY DRIFTED EARTHWARD.



THANK HEAVEN FOR THAT, ANYWAY.



"THEN, WITHOUT WARNING, BOTH THE BOMBERS AND THEIR APPARENTLY HUMAN ESCORT BROKE OFF THEIR SPECTACULAR BLITZ--"

--HEADING BACK TOWARD THE ENGLISH CHANNEL--AND TOWARD HITLER'S FORTRESS EUROPE BEYOND.

"IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO SALVAGE SOMETHING FROM THE NIGHT'S FIGHTING, HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER WINSTON CHURCHILL SENT ALOFT THE MYSTERIOUS ARMORED HERO WHO HAS BEEN HIS PERSONAL BODYGUARD FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS--"

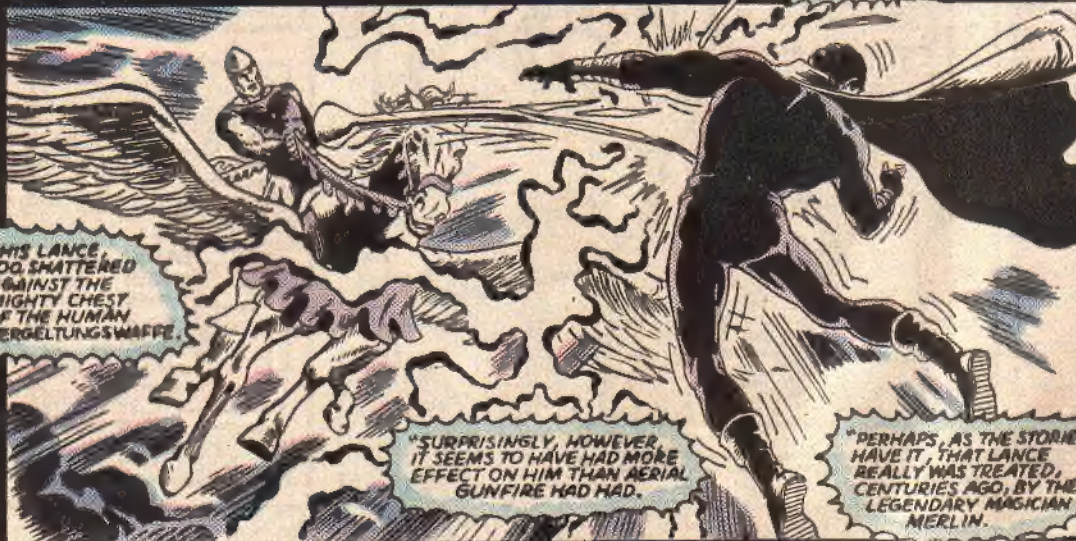


"--THE MAN CALLED THE SHINING KNIGHT, WHO IS RUMORED TO BE AN ACTUAL KNIGHT OF KING ARTHUR'S ROUND TABLE, TRANSPLANTED TO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY."



"ON HIS WINGED HORSE, CALLED VICTORY, HE CHALLENGED THE 'SUPER-NAZI'."

"HIS LANCE TOO, SHATTERED AGAINST THE MIGHTY CHEST OF THE HUMAN VERGELTUNGSWAFFE."



"SURPRISINGLY, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO HAVE HAD MORE EFFECT ON HIM THAN AERIAL GUNFIRE HAD HAD."

"PERHAPS, AS THE STORIES HAVE IT, THAT LANCE REALLY WAS TREATED, CENTURIES AGO, BY THE LEGENDARY MAGICIAN MERLIN."



"HERE WE SEE THE SHINING KNIGHT TOSSING AWAY HIS BROKEN LANCE, AS THE 'SUPER-NAZI' SEEMS MOMENTARILY STUNNED--



--EVEN CHARGING AT HIM WITH HIS EQUALLY MAGICAL SWORD UPRaised FOR THE KILL.

"ALREADY, HOWEVER, THE FLYING GERMAN SEEMS TO HAVE RECOVERED--



"AND THOUGH THE SWORD DOESN'T SHATTER UPON STRIKING HIM, HE SEEMS READY FOR IT.

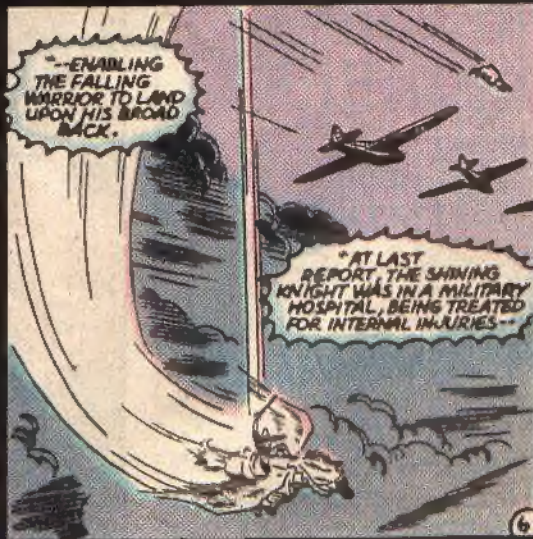
"FOR A MOMENT, IT APPEARED A STALEMATE WAS IN THE MAKING--



"BUT THEN, THE 'SUPER-NAZI' STRUCK THE VALIANT BRITON A SMASHING BLOW WHICH WOULD HAVE SENT HIM TO HIS DEATH, HUNDREDS OF FEET BELOW--

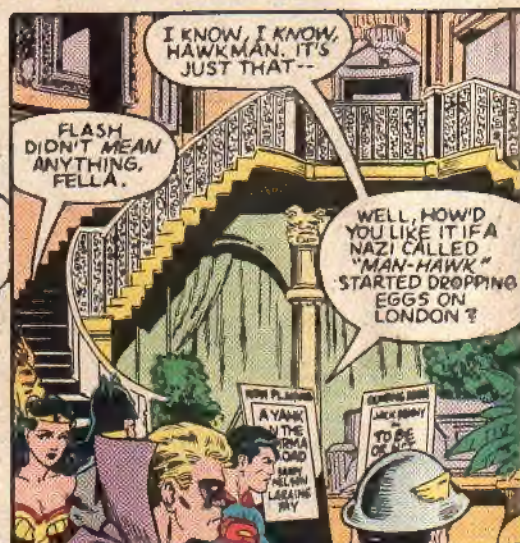
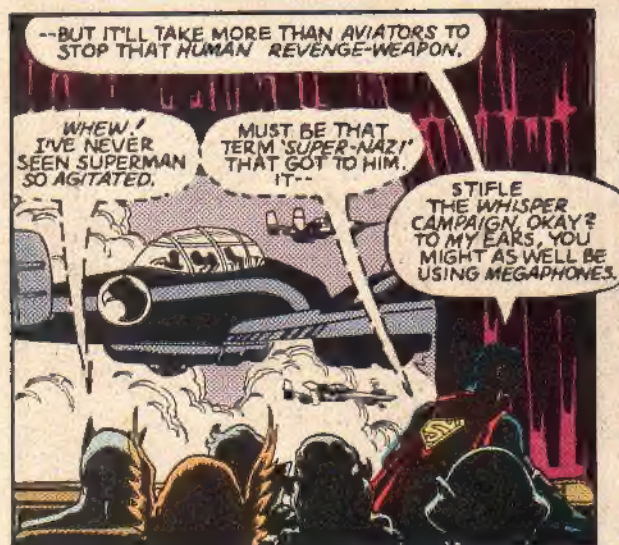
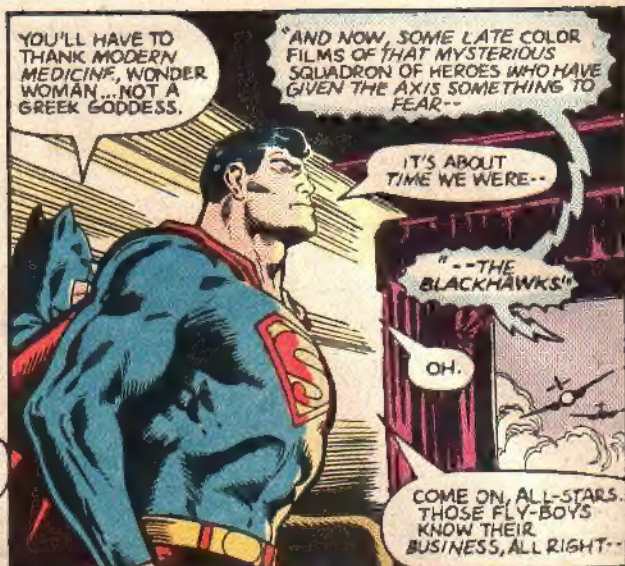


"--IF NOT FOR WINGED VICTORY, WHO PLUNGED DOWN AFTER HIS MASTER, WITH WHAT SEEMED THE SPEED OF LIGHT--



--ENABLING THE FALLING WARRIOR TO LAND UPON HIS BROAD BACK.

"AT LAST REPORT, THE SHINING KNIGHT WAS IN A MILITARY HOSPITAL, BEING TREATED FOR INTERNAL INJURIES--





DEAR NOW THAT WE'VE SEEN THE FOOTAGE IT'S OFF TO THE WHITE HOUSE RIGHT?

WE WEREN'T CALLED DOWN HERE TO WASHINGTON SO WE COULD WAIT FOR THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS TO BLOOM, BATMAN.

BE RIGHT ABOUT US I FEEL LIKE A COKE.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT A LIAISON'S LIFT NOTHING BUTTER IT'S NO THAN MAKE WITH THE PLANKS?

HER NEWS IS SO GUY MY S. IS GOTTA SENSE UP SOMEHOW



THAT'S FINE I CAN'T FIND A PLACE TO PUT MY DIME

DON'T LOOK TOO HARD, SPEEDY.



...ELSE I MIGHT HAVE TO FIND A PLACE TO PUT MY RUBBERIZED FIST, RIGHT?

PLASTIC MAN?



BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS, AS BOB MOORE ALWAYS SAYS CHIEF HOOVER PERSONALLY SENT ME TO MEET YOU ALL, AND ESCORT YOU TO 1600 PENNSYLVANIA AV.

WE ALREADY KNOW THE WAY THANKS

G. AD TO HAVE YOUR COMPANY, PLAS



LET'S GO



YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT PLASMA'S ONE OF EM DUMBLY PLASMA TO GET THEM IN A SOLARBERS OF AN INE

--AS IF WE AIN'T GOT ENOUGH OF A HOUSING SHORTAGE ALREADY?

CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, O LONGEST ARM OF THE LAW... BU' YOU COULDN'T BE HERE TO WATCHDOG US, COULD YOU?



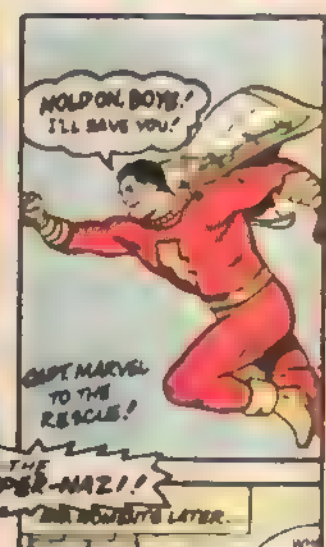
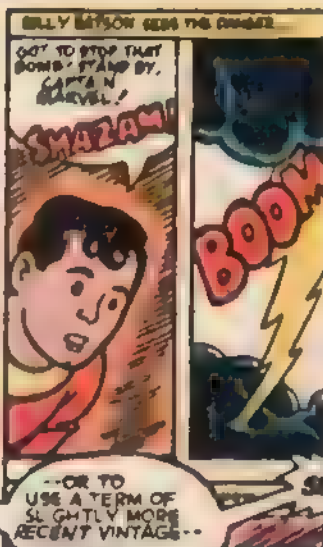
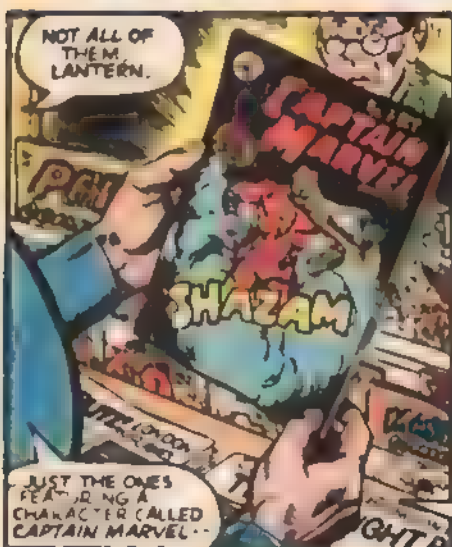
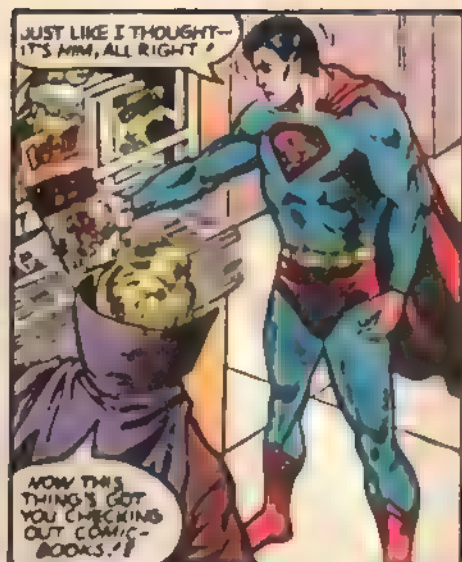
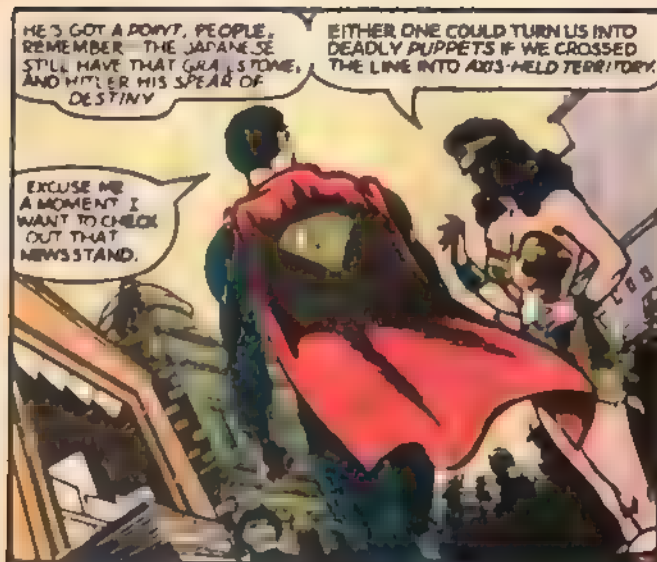
YOU KNOW, JUST TO BE SURE WE DON'T FLY OFF HALF- COCKED STRAIGHT FOR HITLER-LAND, LOOKING FOR "SUPER-NAZI"

I CANNOT TELL A LIE, GREEN LANTERN. THE SUBJECT DID COME UP.

IT HASN'T ESCAPED OUR ATTENTION THAT YOU, WONDER WOMAN, AND SUPERMAN WENT FLYING OFF TO AVENGE PEARL HARBOR ON DECEMBER 8th--

AND WHEN D UNWINDS COMING HERE TO MEET A MAN OF NA.

ISSUE #7 Roy



AND NOW ABOUT THE SIEG-HEILERS
THEMSELVES? THEY'VE BEEN TOSSING
AROUND THIS UNDERMENS' BUSINESS
FOR YEARS--NAZI SUPERMEN,
AND ALL THAT JUNK.

ER, I'M AFRAID MY FRIEND'S
A LITTLE DISTRACTED
TODAY

ANYWAY,
WE'VE GOT A
MEETING WITH
FOR REMEMBER?

SO HERE'S A
DIME THAT OUGHT
TO TAKE CARE
OF--**POOF!**

GIVE THE
PRESIDENT
MY
APOLOGIES,
EVERYBODY.

**HOLD
IT!**

ISN'T THERE
ANYTHING WE
CAN DO TO
STOP HIM?

HIS PRIDE'S
HURT, AND PEOPLE
LIKE ME AND I ARE
TOO USED TO HAVING
OUR OWN WAY ABOUT
THINGS, NOT TO TAKE
DIRECT ACTION.

YOU'RE
WELCOME
TO TRY,
HAWK.

TELL HIM I'M
GOING TO FIND
A WAY TO TAKE
CARE OF THAT
CRIMSON-CLAD
CARBON COPY--

--IF I HAVE TO
GO ALL THE WAY TO
BERLIN TO DO IT.

HAMLET
HE'S NOT
AND THAT'S
FOR SURE.

LEAVING US
PRECISELY
WHERE?

IF IT'S ANY CONSOLATION--
I'VE A HUNCH HE'LL COME
TO HIS SENSES SOMEWHERE
OVER THE ATLANTIC, AND
WE WON'T RELISH THE IDEA
OF PERHAPS PLAYING INTO
HITLER'S HANDS.

HOPE SO, IF HE AND
THAT "SUPER NAZI"
JOINED FORCES--WHO
ON EARTH COULD STAND
AGAINST THEM?

UH--THE
BOSS IS
WAITING,
FELLERS.

ANYBODY'S
WELCOME
TO A SHORT
RIDE.

--LONG
AS HE'S NOT
SQUEAMISH
ABOUT THE
IDEA OF AN
IMMEDIATE
PLANE.

CROSS SWORDS WITH CHAMPIONS!

enter the lost world of

THE WARLORD!

WITH REMCO TOYS!

ARAK

HERCULES

YOU MAKE DC COMICS' EPIC FANTASY HEROES COME ALIVE WITH THESE ACTION FIGURES FROM **REMCO!** EACH 5 1/2 INCH FIGURE COMES COMPLETE WITH ACCESSORIES!

JOIN FORCES with..

DEIMOS

MACHISTE

MIKOLA

COLLECT THEM ALL!

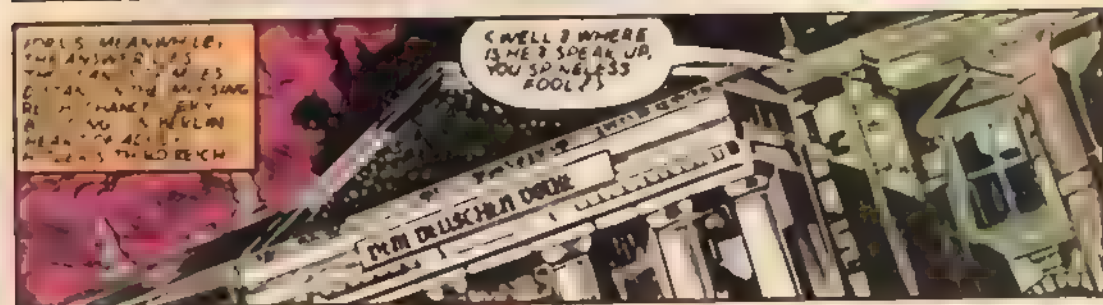
TM indicates Trademark of DC Comics Inc. © 1982 • 1982 Remco Toys, Inc. New York, NY 10010

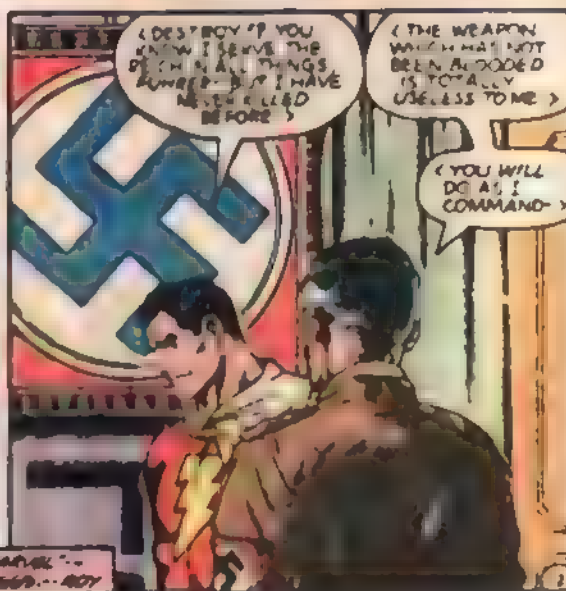
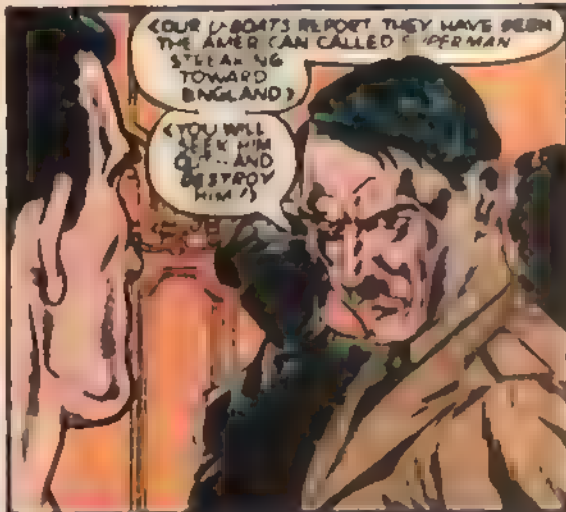
AVAILABLE AT PARTICIPATING

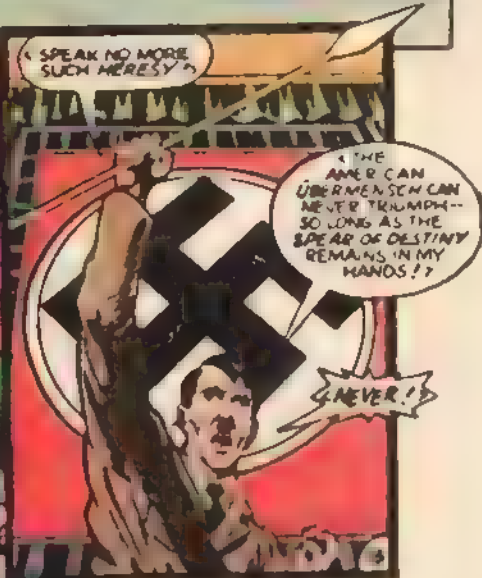
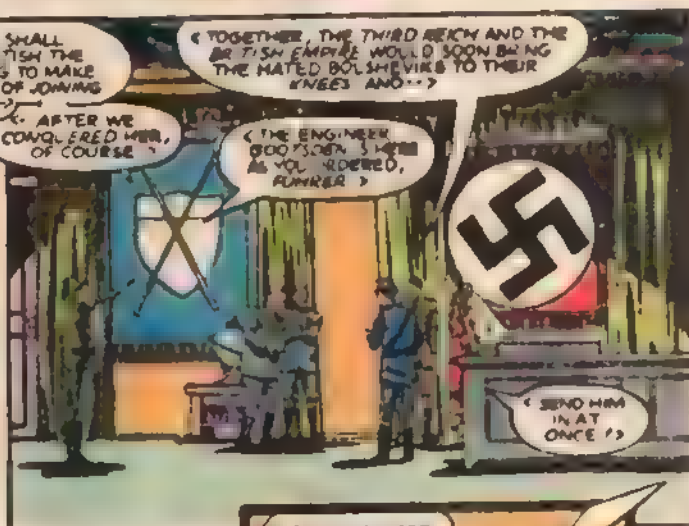
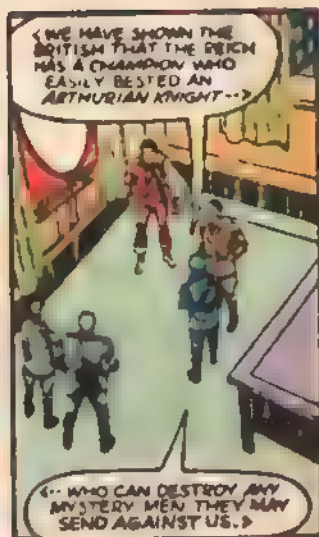
Kmart
THE SAVING PLACE

STORES!

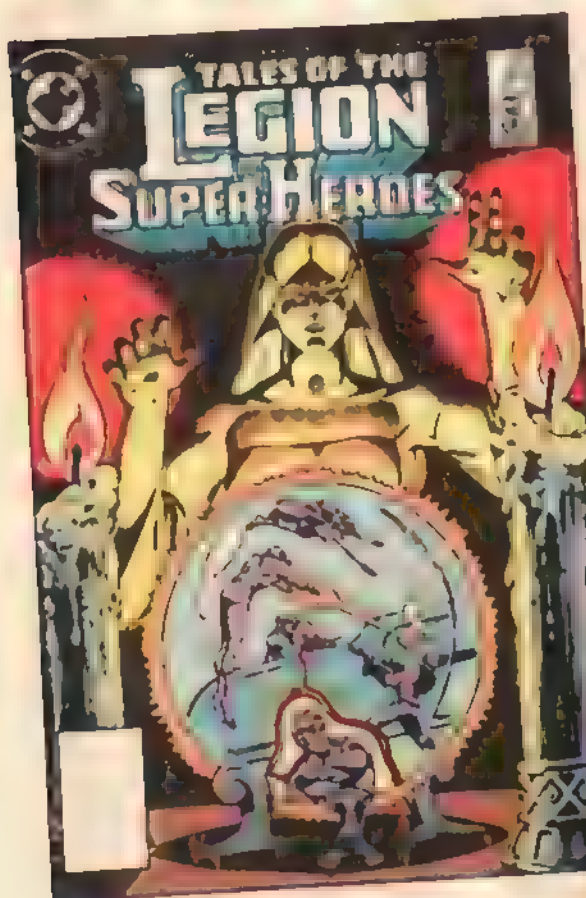
TM and DC COMICS INC. 1983







GET 'EM AT YOUR COMIC STORE

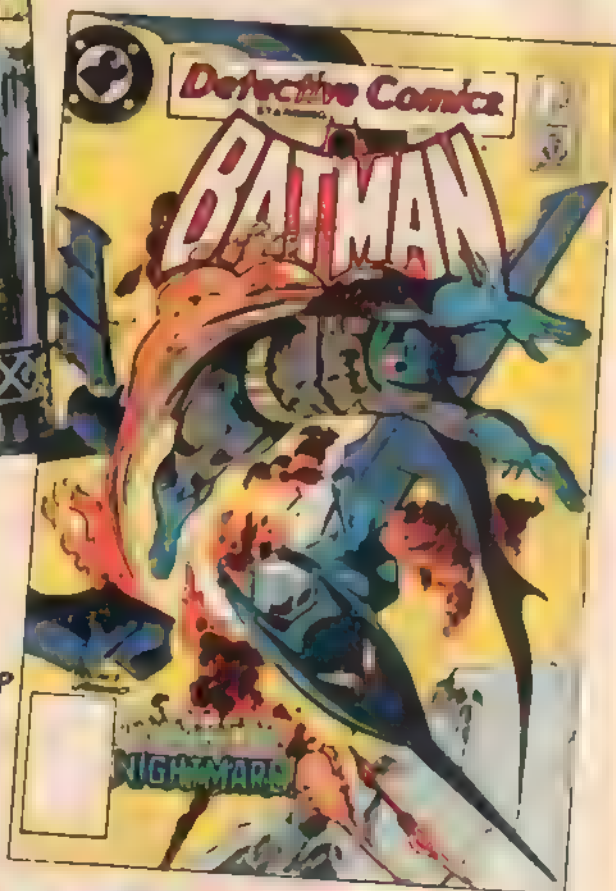


THE TRIAL OF ONTIIR!

BY PAUL LEVITZ,
TERRY SHOEMAKER &
KARL KESEL

HAS A TOP SCIENCE POLICE
COMMANDER OF THE UNITED
PLANETS BEEN A SPY FOR
THE DARK CIRCLE? THE
ANSWER WILL ASTOUND YOU!
PLUS--THE ORIGIN OF THE
WHITE WITCH!

ON SALE MAY 31st!



BATMAN FANS CAN'T MISS THIS ONE!

BY DOUG MOENCH,
GENE COLAN &
BOB SMITH

DETECTIVE COMICS PICKS UP
WHERE BATMAN ENDS! IF
YOU'RE READING ONLY ONE,
YOU'RE GETTING ONLY HALF
THE STORY--AND MISSING
GREEN ARROW TO BOOT!

ON SALE MAY 31st!

DON'T MISS AN ISSUE! THE NEW DC. THERE'S

*Indicates Trademark of DC Comics Inc. COPYRIGHT © DC COMICS INC. 1984

ORE OR SUBSCRIBE TODAY!!

SAVE 33% ON EVERY BOOK!

(LIKE GETTING 4 ISSUES FREE!)

Prices for 12 issue subscriptions are:

~~\$9.00~~ (for 75¢ Books):

~~\$10.12~~

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| ___ Action Comics (01) | ___ Justice League (16) | ___ All-Star Squadron (71) |
| ___ Tales of the Legion (05) | ___ Green Lantern (18) | ___ Tales of the Titans (82) |
| ___ Superman (06) | ___ Wonder Woman (20) | ___ Swamp Thing (84) |
| ___ Batman & The Outsiders (57) | ___ Arak (40) | ___ Firestorm (85) |
| ___ World's Finest (07) | ___ Blackhawk (41) | ___ Arion (89) |
| ___ Batman (10) | ___ Jonah Hex (45) | ___ DC Comics Presents (22) |
| ___ Detective Comics (12) | ___ Sgt. Rock (61) | ___ Blue Devil (93) |
| ___ The Flash (14) | ___ Warlord (69) | |
| ___ Atari Force (24) | ___ Star Trek (21) | |

~~\$15.00~~ (for \$1.25 Books):

~~\$19.12~~

~~\$15.00~~ (for Deluxe Off-set \$1.25 Books)

~~\$19.12~~

- | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ___ Best of DC Digest (55) | ___ Thriller (63) | ___ Legion of Super-Heroes (91) |
| ___ GI Combat (60) | ___ Vigilante (04) | ___ Infinity Inc. (90) |
| ___ New Talent Showcase (30) | ___ The Teen Titans (92) | |

Enclosed please find \$_____ for the titles indicated above.

Remittance (via check or money order - U.S. funds) must accompany order.

Add \$1.00 additional postage for each title to be delivered outside the U.S.A.

Thank you.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE _____
ZIP CODE _____

Please print legibly
and mail to:
DC Comics Subscriptions
P.O. Box 1308-F Dept. W 1
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Please allow 10-12 weeks for delivery of the first issue

This offer valid through September 30, 1984

*Use this page, or make a copy.
The more you buy, the
more you save!*

NO STOPPING US NOW!



I AM READY TO DO MY DUTY FOR THE FATHERLAND AND NEW FATHER!

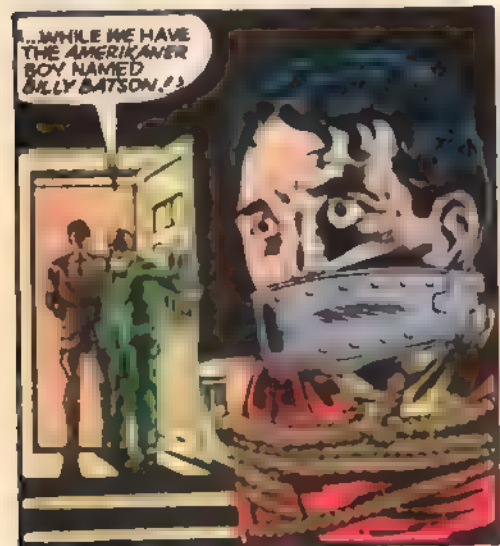
AND YOU SHALL MURDER... YOU SHALL! BUT FIRST COME HERE BOOTS!

I WISH TO CHECK ON OUR HONORED GUEST!

HE IS THE MURDERER



AND WE NEED NEVER WORRY ABOUT THE LOYALTY OF HALD MANN MURDERER OR HIS WILLINGNESS TO DIE FOR GERMANY IF NEED BE...!



...WHILE WE HAVE THE AMERICAN BOY NAMED BILLY BATSON...!

WHILE AN OCEAN AWAY, IN A CERTAIN STATELY MANHATTAN HOUSE HAS BEEN OCCUPIED BY ITS CURRENT RESIDENT FOR A RECORD NUMBER OF YEARS (NINE, TO DATE)...

I MUST ASK YOU TO SWEAR, MY ALL STAR FRIENDS, THAT WHAT IS DISCLOSED HERE TODAY WILL NEVER BE JUDICATED OUTSIDE THIS OVAL OFFICE!



ALREADY, I'VE BEEN FORCED TO CONFISCATE ALL FILM OF THE SO-CALLED "SUPER MAN" IN THE INTEREST OF HOME-FRONT MORALE.

I REGRET HAVING TO INVOLVE THE POWERS OF WARTIME CENSORSHIP, BUT...



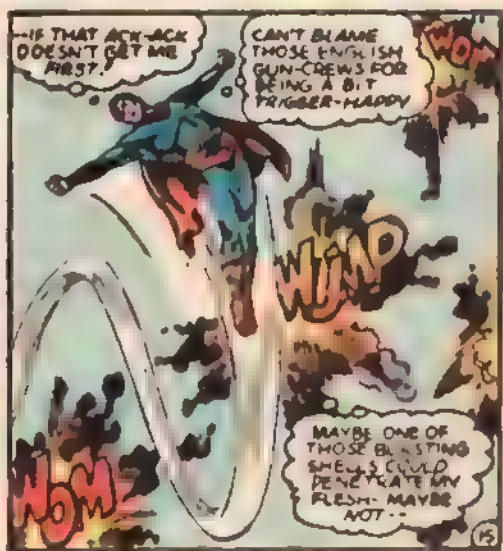
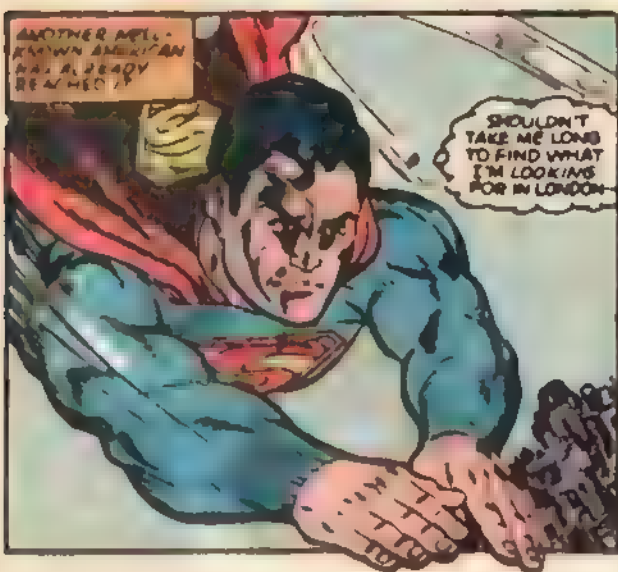
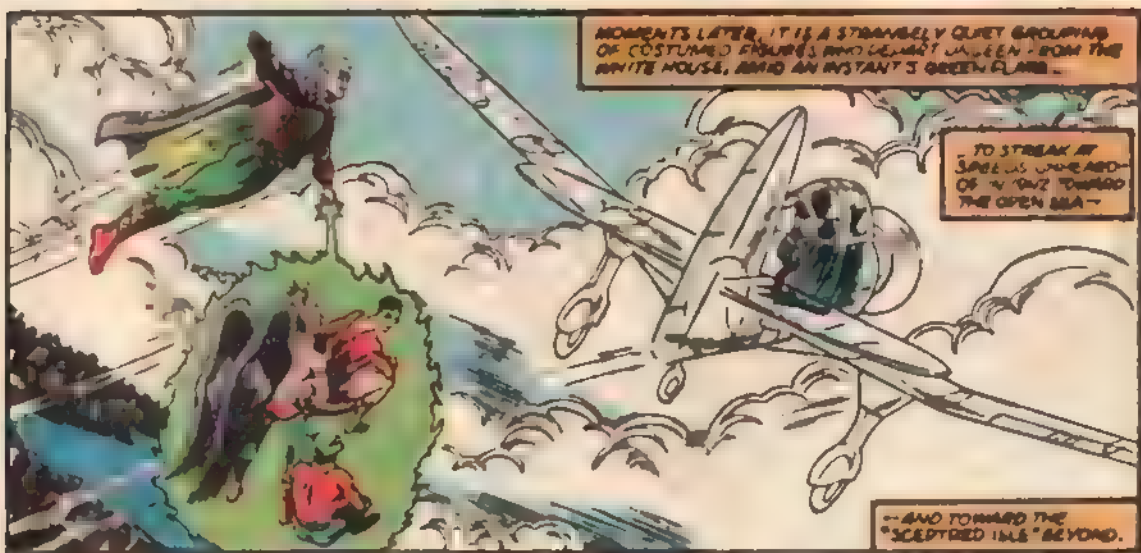
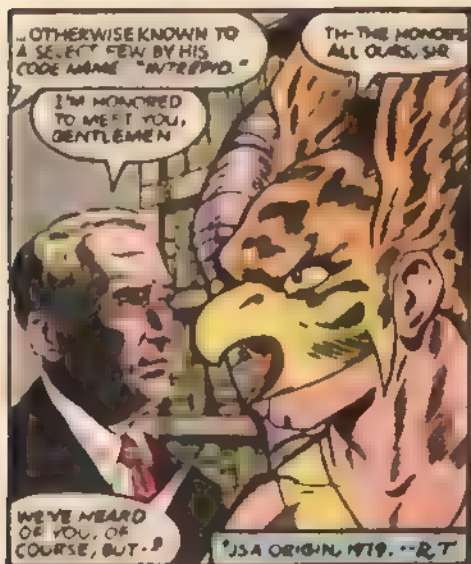
WE UNDERSTAND MR. PRESIDENT

I'M GLAD FLASH, AS IT IS FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE WILL HAVE SEEN THAT NEWSREEL TO RELEASE IT NATION-WIDE MIGHT CAUSE A PANIC

ARE YOU SURE SIR?

NO BUT THAT IS THE PROPOSAL OF MR. HOOVER

AT ANY RATE, IT'S TIME I INTRODUCED YOU TO THE PATIENT, UNASSUMING GENTLEMAN ON MY RIGHT... HE WILLIAM STEPHENSON OF GREAT BRITAIN...





BUT I DON'T
WANT TO
HANG AROUND
AND MISS
THE CHANCE

ANY GUCK
OLD FARTY
VISION?



WITHOUT IT,
IT'D TAKE HOURS
FOR EVEN A HIGH
SPEED PLANE
TO LOCATE



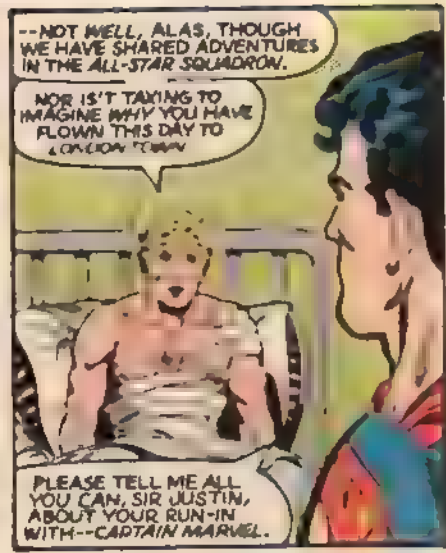
THE SAVING KNIGHT?

SUPERMAN?
PL THING AND
YOU ANYMORE?

I NEVER FORGET A
FACE AND THEN,
THERE'S THAT SUIT
UP AGAIN LAD
OUT IN THE NEXT
ROOM

Oh?

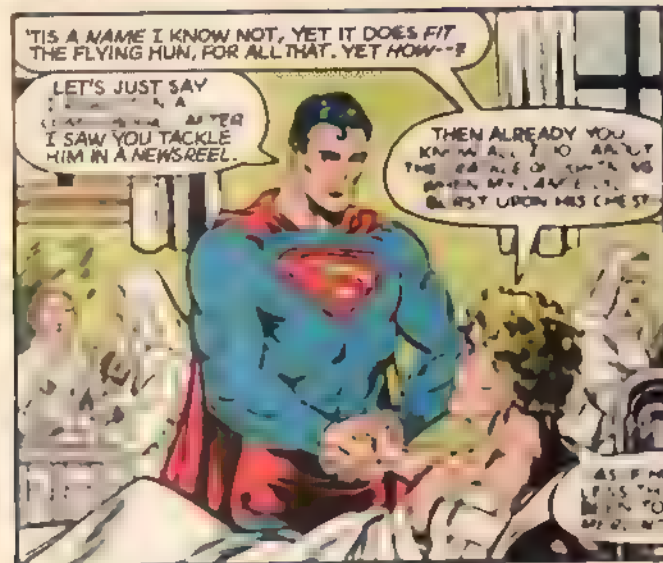
FEAR NOT,
SISTER, I
KNOW HIM



--NOT WELL, ALAS, THOUGH
WE HAVE SHARED ADVENTURES
IN THE ALL-STAR SQUADRON.

NOR IS'T TAKING TO
IMAGINE WHY YOU HAVE
FLOWN THIS DAY TO
LONDON TOWN

PLEASE TELL ME ALL
YOU CAN, SIR JUSTIN,
ABOUT YOUR RUN-IN
WITH--CAPTAIN MARVEL.



'TIS A NAME I KNOW NOT, YET IT DOES FIT
THE FLYING HUN, FOR ALL THAT. YET HOW--?

LET'S JUST SAY
I SAW YOU TACKLE
HIM IN A NEWSREEL.

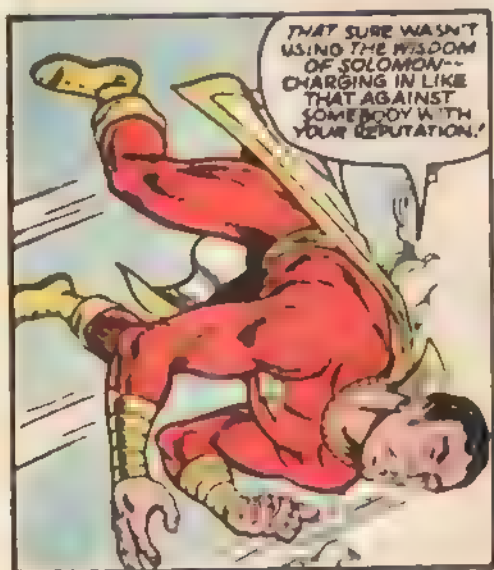
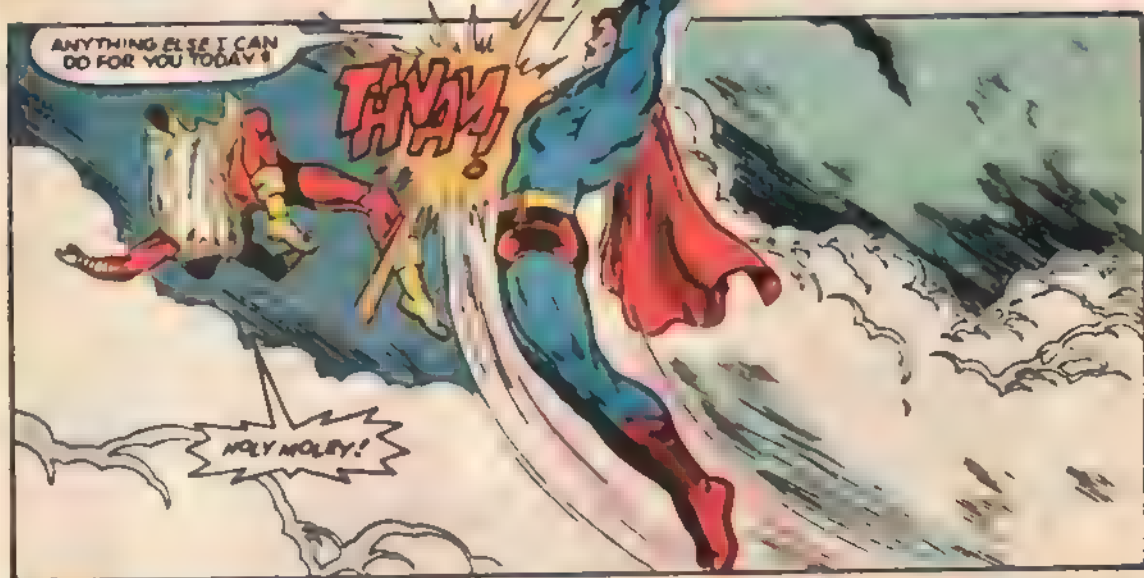
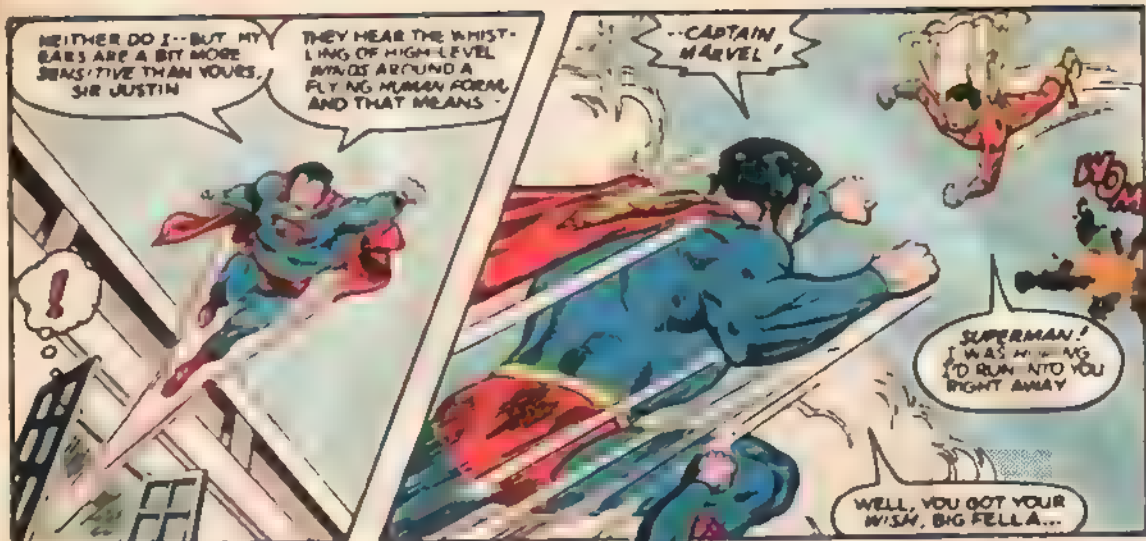
THEN ALREADY YOU
KNOW ALL I TO ABOUT
THE REASON OF THIS
BURNING MY ANGLE
BURST UPON HIS CHEST

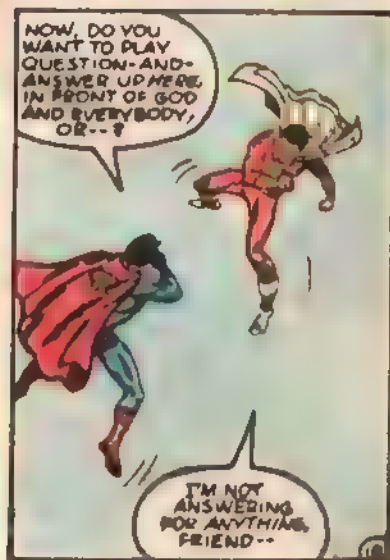
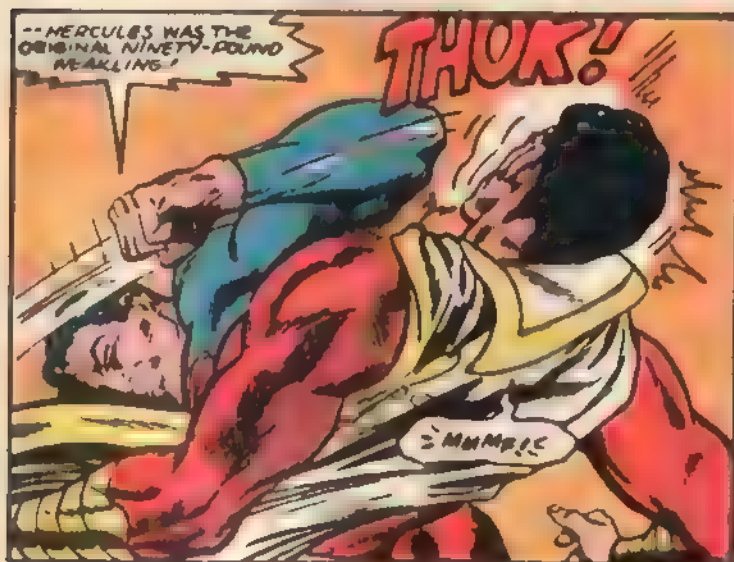
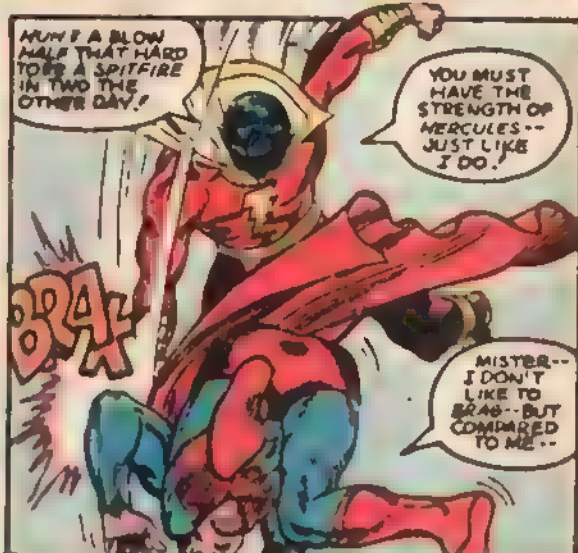
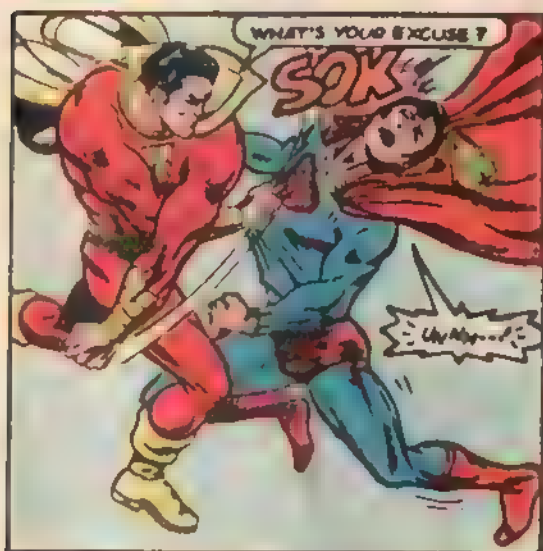
AS IF HE NO
LESS THAN I HAD
BEEN YOU HELD BY
MIDNIGHTS MAGIC

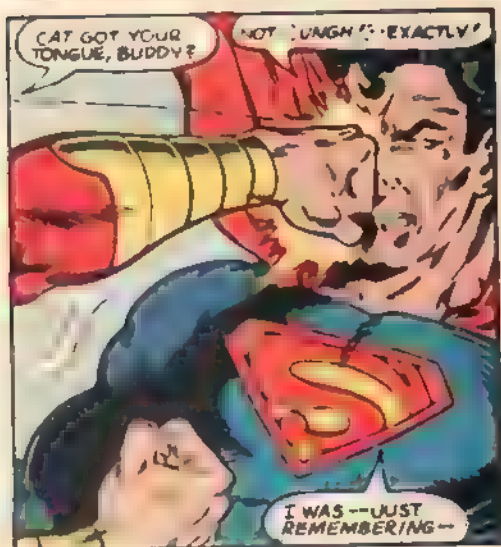
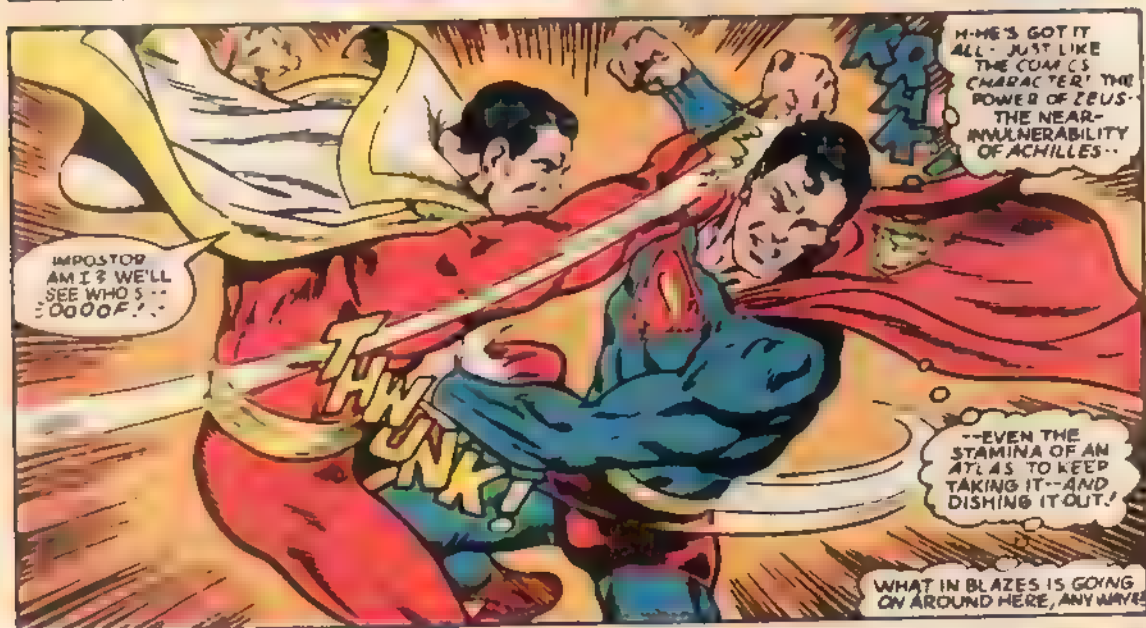
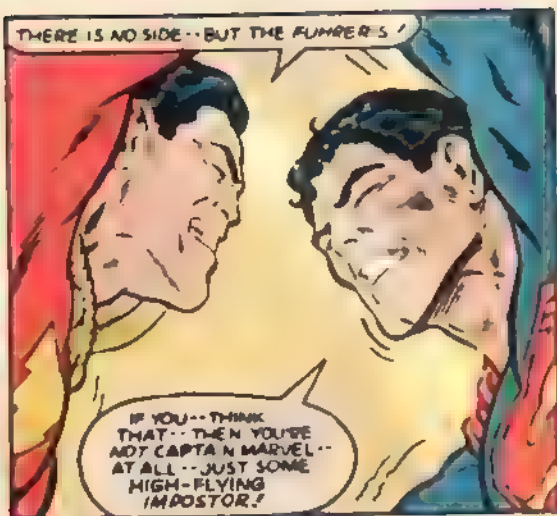
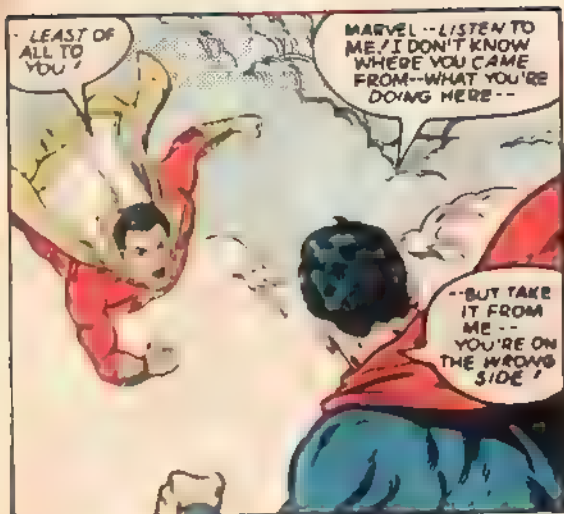


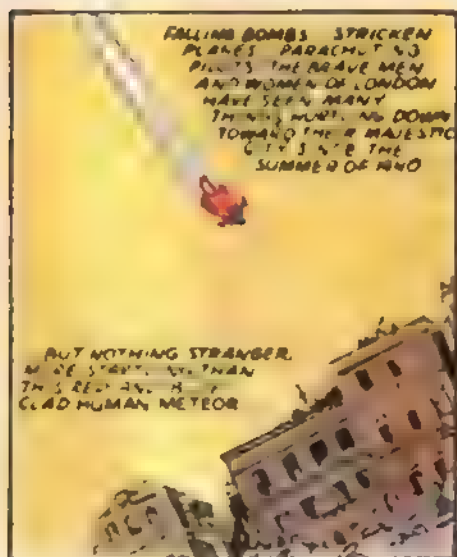
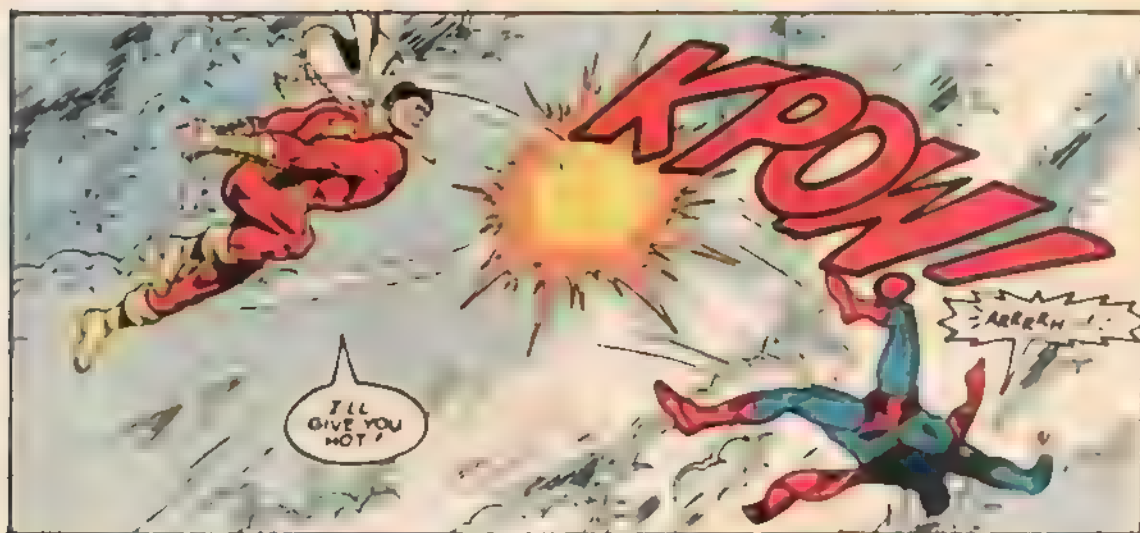
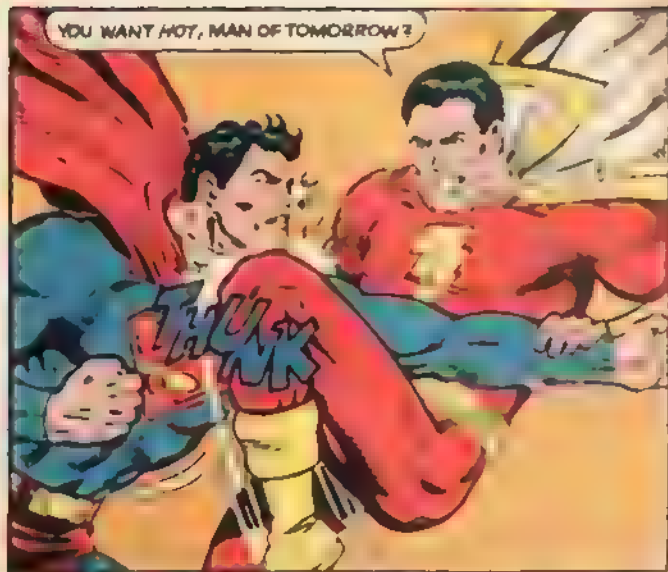
MAGIC THAT MUST
BE A LITTLE MORE
MEANINGFUL MORE
UNDERSTANDABLE TO IT
THAN I AM TO--
UNCOMMON
WHAT?

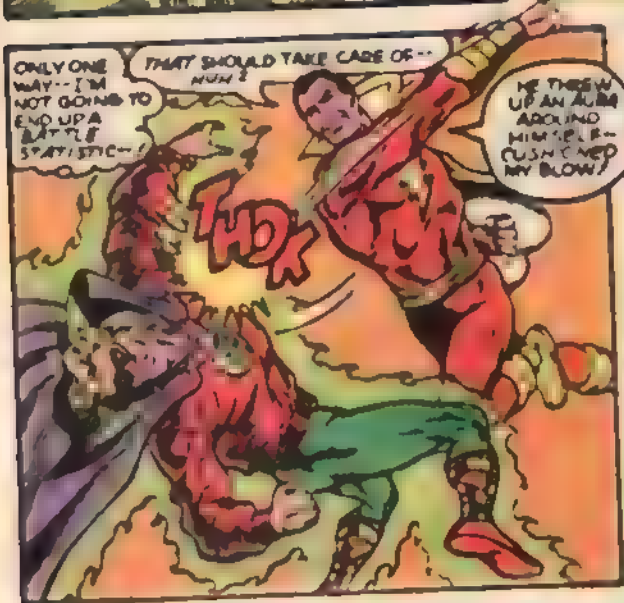
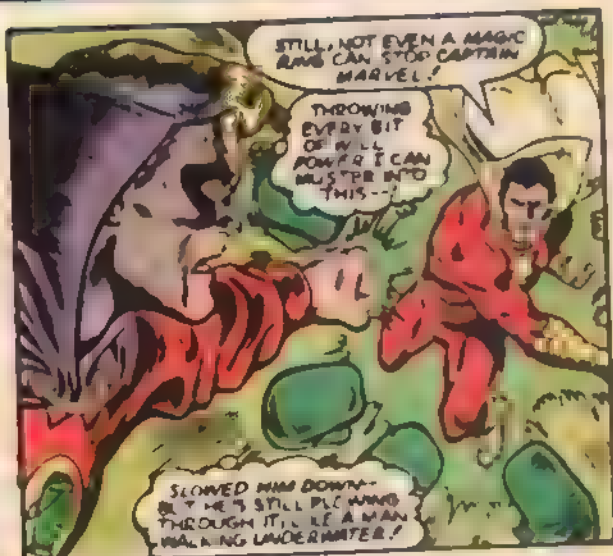
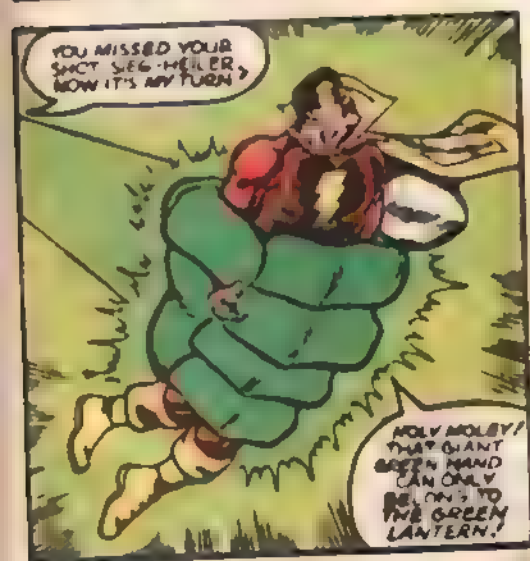
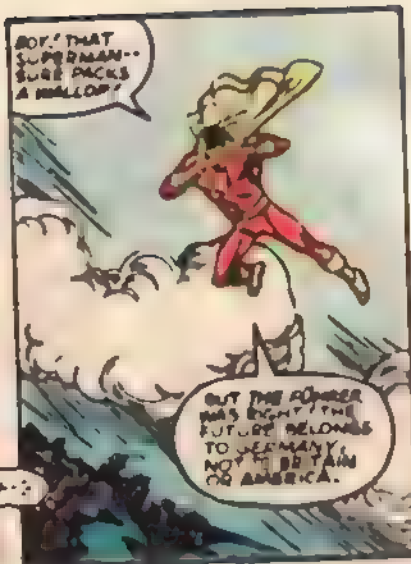
A NEW
ARMAD
YET I HEAR
NO DRONE OF
BOMBERS







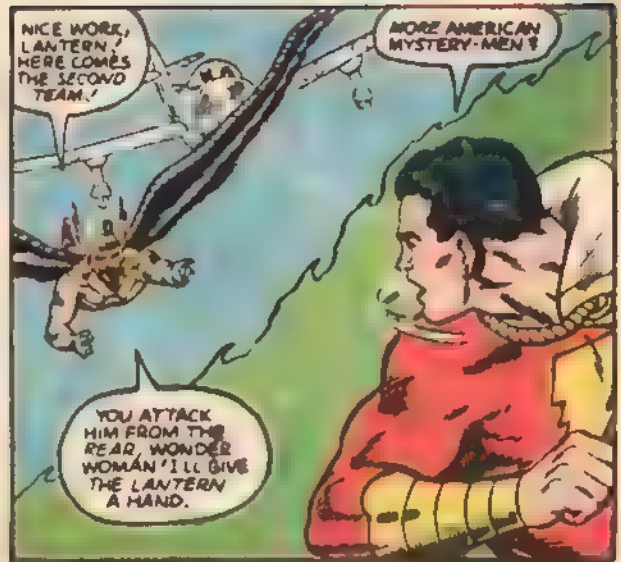






COULDN'T REALLY DO HIM ANY DAMAGE, THOUGH. I CAN TELL THROUGH MY RING-- HE'S EVERY BIT AS MAGIC-BASED AS IT IS!

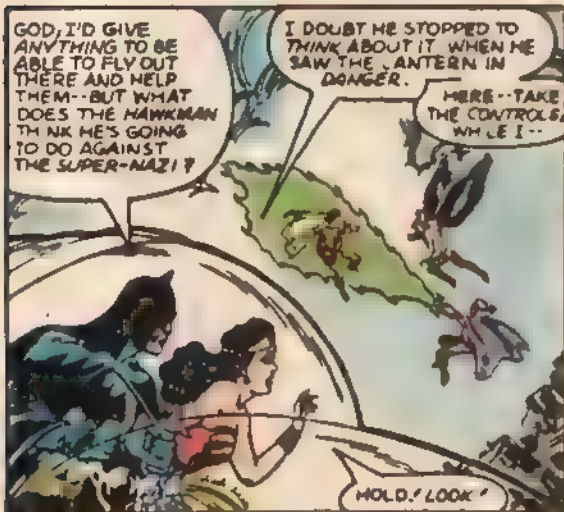
JUST HOPE I CAN KEEP HIM BLINDED WITH A GREEN FLARE, TILL THE OTHERS--



NICE WORK, LANTERN! HERE COMES THE SECOND TEAM!

MORE AMERICAN MYSTERY-MEN?

YOU ATTACK HIM FROM THE REAR, WONDER WOMAN! I'LL GIVE THE LANTERN A HAND.



GOD, I'D GIVE ANYTHING TO BE ABLE TO FLY OUT THERE AND HELP THEM-- BUT WHAT DOES THE HAWKMAN THINK HE'S GOING TO DO AGAINST THE SUPER-NAZI?

I DOUBT HE STOPPED TO THINK ABOUT IT. WHEN HE SAW THE LANTERN IN DANGER--

HERE-- TAKE THE CONTROLS, WHILE I--

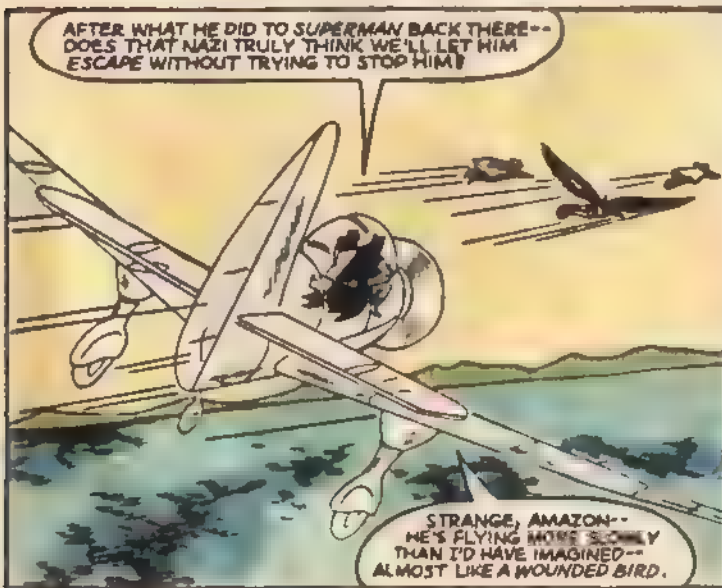
HOLD! LOOK!



HE'S TURNING TAIL!

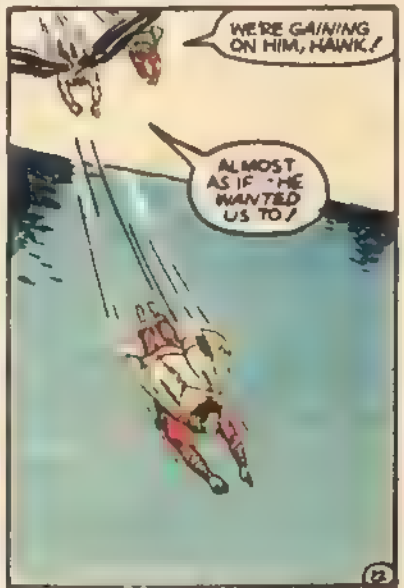
HEADING BACK TOWARD THE FRENCH COAST!

TOO MANY OF YOU-- BUT NEXT TIME--!



AFTER WHAT HE DID TO SUPERMAN BACK THERE-- DOES THAT NAZI TRULY THINK WE'LL LET HIM ESCAPE WITHOUT TRYING TO STOP HIM?

STRANGE, AMAZON-- HE'S FLYING MORE SLOWLY THAN I'D HAVE IMAGINED-- ALMOST LIKE A WOUNDED BIRD.



WE'RE GAINING ON HIM, HAWK!

ALMOST AS IF HE WANTED US TO!

**THIS IS WHAT THE
PSIONS DID TO
TIGORR!**

**WAIT UNTIL
YOU SEE
WHAT THEY
DO TO THE
OTHER
OMEGA MEN**

**NOW
BY DOUG
MOENCH,
TOD SMITH
& ROMEO
TANGHAL!**

Send your check for \$1.00 (cash payment) or money order (check funds no cash please) for subscription to the first issue of THE OMEGA MEN at \$1.00 per issue. By doing this you receive ABSOLUTELY FREE the amazing first OMEGA MEN ANNUAL. \$1.00 per building from for each building from delivered outside the U.S.

Please print legibly.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

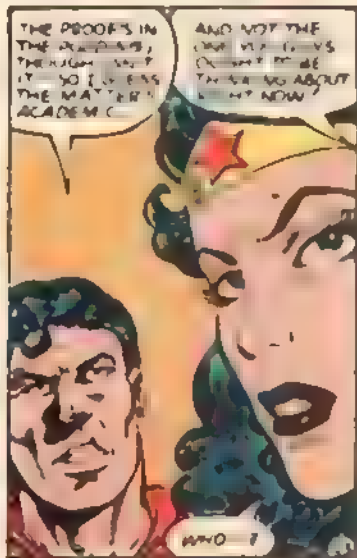
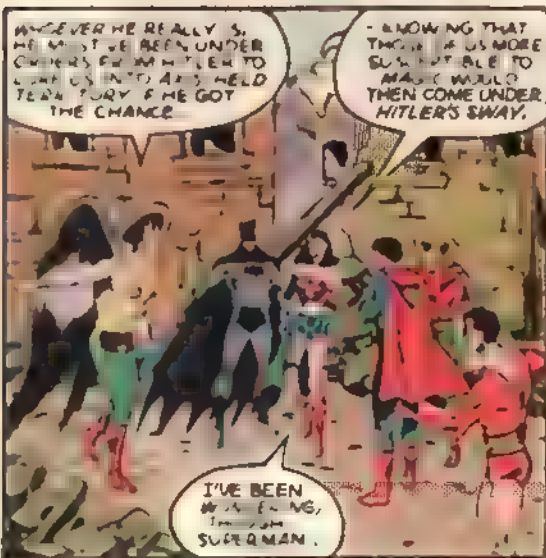
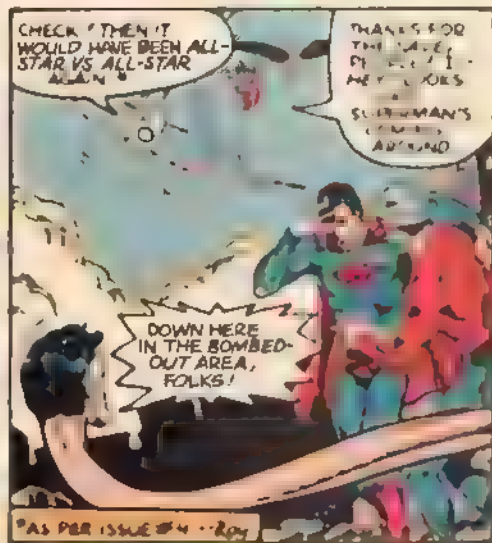
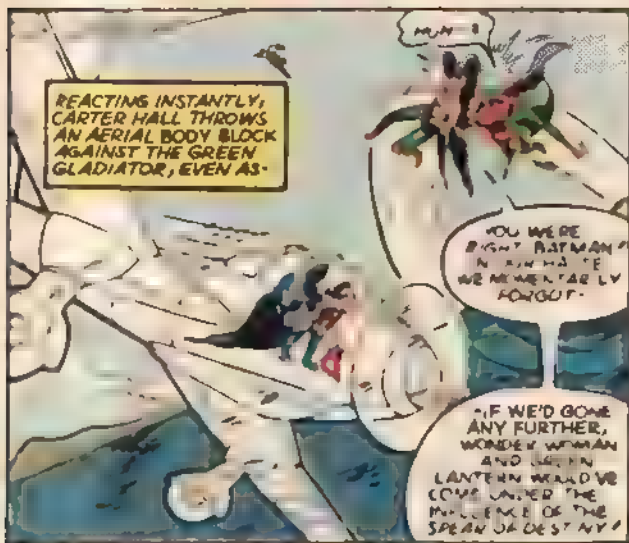
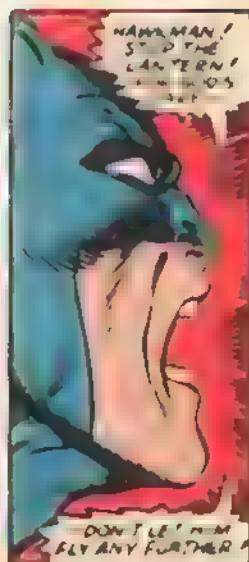
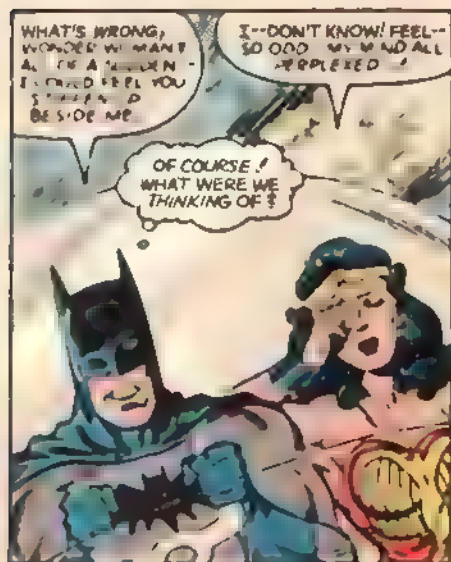
Send to: DC Comics Subscriptions, P.O. Box 1200-F, Dept.

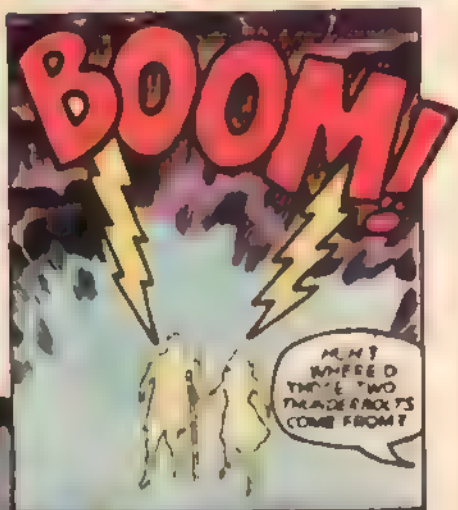
of the U.S. and Canada.

Please allow 10-15 weeks for delivery of the first issue. This

offer is good only through 11/30/84.

**GET IT AT YOUR
COMIC STORE--OR
SUBSCRIBE TODAY AND
RECEIVE ABSOLUTELY
FREE OMEGA MEN
ANNUAL #1!**





Lightning over Berlin!



DC Comics Inc.
605 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10103

Jenette Kahn, President and Publisher
Dick Giordano, Vice Pres.-Executive Editor
Roy Thomas, Editor
Janice Race, Associate Editor
Tom Condon, Managing Editor
Pat Beattie, Editorial Coordinator
Bob Rozakis, Production Manager
Joe Orlando, Vice Pres.-Editorial Director
Paul Levitz, Vice Pres.-Operations
Bruce Bristow, Marketing Director
Arthur Gulkowit, Treasurer

Dear Roy:

I am hooked! You had my interest from the very beginning—a bit skeptical at first, somewhat disappointed at times, overwhelmed at others—but as of ALL-STAR SQUADRON #31, I realize that you have created a classic that one day will command fabulous prices from collectors. In leafing through it at my dealer's and encountering the Red Bee on p. 6, I realized that I was holding something in my hand that transcended the normal comic-book gathering of "mystery-man/women."

From my previous letters you have probably guessed that the writing or storyline of a comic book has never been the primary reason for my purchase of a particular book. Rather, it has always been the artwork that attracted me. In *All in Color for a Dime* Jim Harmon says, in his "A Swell Bunch of Guys" (about the JSA), "I was aware...that there was a writer..." etc. The only writers I ever looked for and laid down hard-earned cash for were Perry Ackerman, Harvey Kurtzman, Richard Matheson, and Robert E. Howard. I read and enjoyed comic books from their inception. I grew up with Flash Gordon, Buck Rogers, the Shadow, and the Spider. I listened to Jack Armstrong, Tom Mix, and the Green Hornet. They all left their imprint.

I can remember asking for a dime to buy a copy of the long-awaited ALL-STAR COMICS #1 in 1940. Comics were something that wasn't ephemeral. The movies were watched and disappeared, the radio broadcasts were listened to and were gone, the Sunday funnies were read and thrown away. Then came comic books.

We share the present and the past. I am indebted to you for bringing me just a tad closer to the fondly-remembered days of boyhood when the Justice Society of America was the dominating force in comic books and in my life. From now on I am a dyed-in-the-wool Roy Thomas fan.

I have never seen a mass-character scene handled as well as "The Complete Roster of the All-Star Squadron." The art by Rick Hoberg and Mike Machlan was superior, but the story was fantastic. I guess the complaints about costume discrepancies have to pale beside your *deus ex machina*.

It was a nice touch, crediting the absent heroes, particularly Aquaman. During the course of the meeting I kept thinking that the guy who really should be there was Spy Smasher, and lo and behold (thanks, Walt Kelly) at the end of

the letter column you tell us that Christmas at DC is real and that Captain Marvel is coming for a visit. Can Spy Smasher, Bulleteer, Minute Man, and his the Invincible be far behind? Or Captain Midnight, Mary Marvel, and Capt. Marvel Jr.? And what about Captain Triumph from the cover of issue #17?

Going from the ridiculous to the sublime, you could have run in the Raven, Spider Widow, Quicksilver, the Defender, Spitfire, the Clock, Don Q, Alias the Spider, Yankee Eagle, the Marksman (another patriotic Pole), the lady called Wildfire (close to Firebrand), Lady Luck, etc.

Love your book, Roy. You make me young again. Since I haven't read your new INFINITY, INC. book yet, I'll reserve judgment. But my expectations have risen since their first appearance, when the first thing that came to mind was mass commercialism.

I wish I could write forever on a subject as dear to my heart as the characters in your charge. You have fulfilled a lot of my dreams. I guess I can't complain about a lot of Johnny-come-lately kid artists screwing up costumes on heroes created when some of their grandfathers were kids. Hourman never looked better than on p. 20 of #31. He finally got his black boots with red stripes back, and the stripes on his "prayer shawl" organized (unlike the original Bernard Bailey version, where the cape changed every panel). Please, I beg of you, don't kill off this important charter member of the Justice Society! In sheer power he always ranked (in my mind) fourth, just behind Green Lantern and just ahead of The Flash. With chemical and biological advances, Miracle and the vortex could add immeasurably to his power, and you must admit that this colorful character has been slighted thus far by the Squadron.

William S. Coburn, Jr.
544 Kinsella Drive
Edgewood, NY 41017

Thanks for your equally-colorful comments, William...and my apologies for having to cut your letter in order to fit it into our truncated Squadron page this month. Just a few quick responses to the points you raise:

(1) Alias, only the Marvel/Shazam Family (of all the Fawcett-created characters you mention, such as Spy Smasher) is licensed by DC, so we'll have to rely upon old issues to know what they were doing about this time.

Hope that situation changes someday, obviously.

(2) A few of the other Quality heroes you mention in your list (such as Spider Widow, etc.) are slated for early appearances, though Lady Luck, like the Spirit, is the property of Will Eisner and has been reprinted elsewhere; a word to the wise. (And obviously, we didn't turn Danette Reilly into Wildfire rather than a female Firebrand because DC already has a Wildfire, in LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, and we didn't want to add to the glut of duplicate names.)

(3) Your letter, and thus this LP, says little about Rick Hoberg's splendid debut as penciller of ALL-STAR SQUADRON, but we'll have more comments on Rick's work with the beginning of the Hoberg/Collins team (in #32) when next month rolls around. I could hardly have had so much fun writing the two double-page spreads of the All-Stars, for instance, if Rick hadn't done a wonderful job of attitudinizing them, as well as getting their costumes basically correct. Rick's promised to stick around for a while as penciller after these two Captain Marvel fill-in issues, and we couldn't be happier!

(4) One unperceptive fan-entire recently referred to the "retroactive continuity" the artists and I put into mags like ALL-STAR SQUADRON as "a pointless chronology." Thanks to you—and to many others whose letters we didn't have room to print—for proving to me that the only thing "pointless" was his review. But then, I already knew that.

—R.T.

Dear Roy:

I'll begin by saying that I like reading comics, but I enjoy reading ALL-STAR SQUADRON. Most books are read due to force of habit, or because I collect the title. ALL-STAR is the only title I can think of that seems to invoke the same thrill I used to get picking up, say, an early JLA in my mispent youth.

The secret, I think, is that you are writing the kind of comics you yourself would have liked to read! I know they're the type I would write, although your ability to blend old stories and prior concepts into these retroactive histories of yours far surpasses anything I could do, which is part of my enjoyment.

Sure, you had the mandatory fight (Midnight vs. Nazis), but mostly #31 was a bunch of heroes sitting around talking (which I call characterization)! From the

opening Eisneresque panel to the Doll Man's appearance, I enjoyed every minute of it. I expect the male/female ratio in the membership to become a focus point, and I myself wouldn't mind a bit more cleavage (nor would the Atom, judging by his reaction to Phantom Lady's outfit).

It took 31 issues, but we finally got to see the entire group, and it was well

worth the wait. Robin saying to Speedy's face what fans have been saying for forty years was a nice touch, as was his sparring with Speedy in one panel while their mentors (Batman and Green Arrow) shake hands in the next panel. A nice balance, the adults realizing there is room for all. Since basically all costumed super-heroes are Superman copies anyway, with the non-

super-powered ones *Batman* copies, the argument is just what you made it—a kids' squabble!

Robert Kowalski
12600 McDougall
Detroit, MI 48212

What can we say, Robert—but that you're the kind of reader *ALL-STAR SQUADRON* has always been aimed at! —R.T.

IF YOU LIKE ALL-STAR SQUADRON, DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEIR CHILDREN ARE?

AND, IF YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE "THE JUSTICE SOCIETY ADVENTURE THE WORLD'S NOT READY TO LEARN ABOUT YET"--



AT SELECTED OUTLETS -- WHERE ELSE?



ART BY: HOBERG! PÉREZ! GIFFEN! KUBERT! GIORDANO! INFANTINO! NEWTON! HOWELL! PLUS GOLDEN-AGE GREATS WAYNE BORING & MART NODELL!

NOT FOR SUNDAY DRIVERS!



Bob Glidden's
Thunderbird



Terry Labonte's
Piedmont
Monte Carlo

"Boss 492"
Ford engine

Full
rollcage

Simulated steel
racing wheels

Authentic Goodyear
racing tires

Detailed Chevrolet
racing engine

Full rollcage

Dry sump
oil system

They're fast! Some of the fastest machines on track or strip. Grand National stock cars and Pro Stock dragsters. And now you can build them yourself. Monogram makes 'em. And Monogram makes 'em so real you'll think you're behind the wheel. Grab a Grand National. Pick up a Pro Stock and head for victory lane. You've got a Monogram racer.



Wrangler
Thunderbird



Monogram Models, Inc. Morton Grove, IL 60053

**DESIGNED FOR DETAIL.
BUILT FOR FUN.™**

Authentically detailed. Parts molded in color. Realistic decals included in each kit.

Details may be painted to match photo. Assembly required.
© 1984, Monogram Models, Inc. All rights reserved.

BurgerTime™

HOME VIDEO GAME



A feast of an arcade game to go!
For your Intellivision,* Atari* 2600, Apple* II
or IBM* Personal Computer.



INTELLIVISION®

© 1982 Data East USA, Inc. Graphics vary by system.